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US DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE PATENT & TRADEMARK OFFICE FORM PTO-1390 ATTORNEY'S CKET NUMBER (REV. 01-2003) 124763 TRANSMITTAL LETTER TO THE UNITED STATES U.S. APPLICATION NO. (If known, see 37 CFR 1.5) New U.S. National Stage of PCT/JP03/016517 **DESIGNATED/ELECTED OFFICE (DO/EO/US)** CONCERNING A FILING UNDER 35 U.S.C. 371 INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION NO. INTERNATIONAL FILING DATE PRIORITY DATE CLAIMED PCT/JP03/016517 December 24, 2003 January 20, 2003 TITLE OF INVENTION OCCUPANT PROTECTION DEVICE APPLICANTS FOR DO/EO/US Ò Shiqeki HAYASHI et al. Applicant herewith submits to the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) the following items and other information: 1. This is a FIRST submission of items concerning a filing under 35 U.S.C. 371. 2. This is a SECOND or SUBSEQUENT submission of items concerning a filing under 35 U.S.C. 371. 3. \boxtimes This is an express request to begin national examination procedures (35 U.S.C. 371(f)). The submission must include items (5), (6), (9) and (21) indicated below. 4. The US has been elected (Article 31). 5. A copy of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(2)) a. \square is attached hereto (required only if not communicated by the International Bureau). b. has been communicated by the International Bureau. c. \square is not required, as the application was filed in the United States Receiving Office (RO/US). An English language translation of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(2)) 6. is attached hereto. has been previously submitted under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4). c.

The International Application was filed in English. 7. Amendments to the claims of the International Application under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(3)) a. \square are attached hereto (required only if not communicated by the International Bureau). have been communicated by the International Bureau. c. \square have not been made; however, the time limit for making such amendments has NOT expired. d. have not been made and will not be made. 8. An English language translation of the amendments to the claims under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(3)). 9. An oath or declaration of the inventors (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(4)). M 10. An English language translation of the annexes of the International Preliminary Examination Report under PCT Article 36 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(5)). Items 11 to 20 below concern document(s) or information included: An Information Disclosure Statement under 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98. 12. An assignment document for recording. A separate cover sheet in compliance with 37 CFR 3.28 and 3.31 is included. 13. A preliminary amendment. 14. An Application Data Sheet under 37 CFR 1.76. 15. A substitute specification. 16. A power of attorney and/or change of address letter. 17. A computer-readable form of the sequence listing in accordance with PCT Rule 13ter.2 and 37 CFR 1.821 - 1.825. 18. A second copy of the published international application under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4). 19. A second copy of the English language translation of the international application under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4). 20. Other items or information:

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